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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A cable-processing apparatus for positioning cable-ends at processing stations of a cable-processing apparatus, the cable-ends being a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end at opposite extents of a cable-length to be processed, comprising:

a swiveling arm positioned adjacent a cutting and stripping station and at least one cable-end processing station of the cable-processing apparatus; and

a gripper mounted at one end of said swiveling arm for holding in sequence each of the leading cable-end and the trailing cable-end of the cable-length to be processed, said swiveling arm moving said gripper from said cutting and stripping station to said at least one cable-end processing station and then away from said at least one cable-end processing station, said gripper and said swiveling arm being a sole means for holding and moving respectively the leading and trailing cable-ends of the cable-length in position for cutting and stripping by said cutting and stripping station and for processing by said at least one cable-end processing station.

18. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on the cable-processing apparatus at another end opposite said one end and when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at said at least one cable-end processing station and said gripper is holding one of the cable-ends, a cable-axis of the one cable-end being held extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm.

19. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 18 including a drive connected to said swiveling arm for swiveling said swiveling arm about said another end.

20. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 18 including a platform, a turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

21. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 20 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

22. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 21 including a third drive mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

23. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 including a drive connected to said gripper for positioning said gripper in an axial direction of one of the cable-ends being held by said gripper.

24. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 including a drive connected to said gripper for rotating said gripper.

25. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according Claim 17 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through an adjacent belt-drive apparatus for supplying cable to said gripper.

26. (Previously Presented) A cable-processing machine for processing a cable into cable-lengths with a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end at opposite extents of the cable-lengths to which crimped contacts are attached comprising:

- a belt-drive for providing the cable;
- a cutting and stripping station for cutting the cable-length from the cable and stripping leading and trailing ends of the cable-length to form the leading cable-end and the trailing cable-end respectively;
- a pair of crimping presses for attaching a crimped contact to each of the leading and trailing cable-ends a one of the crimped contacts; and
- a swiveling device positioned adjacent said cutting and stripping station and said crimping presses, said swiveling device having a swiveling arm with a gripper at one end for sequentially holding the leading and trailing cable-ends in position for cutting and stripping by said cutting and stripping station and for processing by said at least one cable-end processing station, said swiveling arm being a sole means for moving the leading and trailing cable-ends from said cutting and stripping station to said crimping presses and away from said crimping presses.

27. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 26 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on said swiveling device at another end opposite said one end and a cable-axis of a one of the cable-ends being held by said gripper extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at one of said crimping presses.

28. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 27 including a platform, a turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

29. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 28 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

30. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 29 including a third drive mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

31. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according Claim 26 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through said belt-drive.

32. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according Claim 26 including a cable transportation belt positioned adjacent said swiveling device for holding the leading cable-end while said swiveling device is moving the trailing cable-end.

33. (Currently Amended) A cable-processing machine for processing a cable into cable-lengths with a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end at opposite extents of the cable-lengths to which crimped contacts are attached comprising:

- a belt-drive for providing the cable;
- a cutting and stripping station for cutting the cable-length from the cable and stripping leading and trailing ends of the cable-length to form the leading cable-end and the trailing cable-end respectively;
- a pair of crimping presses for attaching a crimped contact to each of the leading and trailing cable-ends a one of the crimped contacts;
- a transportation belt for receiving the leading end;
- a cable tray for receiving the cable-length; and

a swiveling device positioned adjacent said belt-drive, said cutting and stripping station, said crimping presses, said transportation belt and said cable tray, said swiveling device having a swiveling arm with a gripper at one end for sequentially holding the leading and trailing cable-ends being a sole means for moving the leading and trailing cable-ends from said cutting and stripping station to said crimping presses, said transportation belt and said cable tray, wherein said gripper holds the leading end while said swiveling device rotates in a first direction to said crimping presses for processing to attach a crimped contact on the leading end, said swiveling device rotates further in the first direction to said transportation belt and said gripper releases the leading end on said transportation belt, said swiveling device rotates in a second direction, opposite said first direction, to said cutting and stripping station and said gripper holds the trailing end, said swiveling device rotates in the first direction to said crimping presses for processing to attach a crimped contact on the trailing end, and said swiveling device rotates further in the first direction to said cable tray and said gripper releases the trailing end on said cable tray causing the cable-length to transfer from said transportation belt to said cable tray.